

*New \$5 & \$1 Coins Intended to Help Maintain Twain Legacy, Benefit Local Museum and House*

WASHINGTON – **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** applauded the passage of the *Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act*

by the House of Representatives this evening. Larson, who originally introduced the bill during the 111<sup>th</sup>

Congress and serves as the lead Democratic sponsor of the bill during the current session, praised the approval of the new coins for ensuring that Twain's legacy will be honored for years to come.

The surcharges associated with the Twain coins will benefit four nonprofit organizations that preserve the work and legacy of Mark Twain, including the **Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford**.

“Mark Twain is one of our nation's greatest scribes whose work has withstood the test of time and continues to remind Americans of where we have come as a people,” Congressman Larson said. “These coins will help a new generation of Americans learn about Twain's contributions to Connecticut and our country by providing support for the institutions that work every day to honor his legacy. I am very proud to have introduced this bill with **Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-09)** and thank him for his efforts to move this bill forward.”

If signed into law, the coins would be released into circulation in 2016.

The bill will now go to the United States Senate for consideration.

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